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Sir:

In compliance with 37 CFR § 1.56, and in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97, Applicants respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the references listed on the enclosed form PTO-1449. In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.98(3)(d), copies of the references are not enclosed because the references have been submitted to the Patent Office in U.S. Patent Application No. 09/358,199 from which this application relies for an earlier filing date. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner initial the form PTO-1449 after reviewing the pertinence of the references.

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